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[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended September 17, 1904.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of September 19:

Week ended September 17.

Buildings reinspected	253
Rooms	2, 022
Persons inspected	2, 695
Sick	22
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	18
Dead examined	7
Necropsies	5
Rats examined bacteriologically	36
Number showing pest infection	0
Places limed and disinfected	854
Blocks covered with rat poison	11
Times streets swept	3
Sewers flushed	17
Notices sent to abate plumbing nuisance	6
Abated	3
Undergoing abatement	16
Total number plumbing inspections	104

Disinfection for tuberculosis on steamship George W. Elder at San Francisco.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson reports, September 10, as follows:

Quarters previously occupied by a patient suffering with tuberculosis on the steamship *George W. Elder* were disinfected August 19, in accordance with Department Circular No. 16, dated February 11, 1902.

Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border.—Report of sanitary work in the Madawaska region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond reports, through Surgeon Kalloch, as follows:

Week ended September 10, 1904. Number of cases of smallpox